

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the application filed 3/3/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. The application filed March 3, 2004 is presented for examination and claims 1-13 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1 to 13 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claimed invention is directed to an image display device.

Independent claim 1 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a first potential difference between a voltage of pixel electrodes of the dummy pixels to which a given gray scale voltage of positive polarity is written among the plurality of dummy pixels and a common voltage applied to the common electrodes corresponding to the dummy pixels is detected, a second potential difference between a voltage of pixel electrodes of the dummy pixels to which a given gray scale voltage of negative polarity is written among the plurality of dummy pixels and the common voltage applied to the common electrodes corresponding to the dummy pixels is detected, and the voltage applied to the common electrodes is controlled so as to make the first potential difference and the second potential difference equal to each other".

Independent claim 7 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a first means which detects a potential difference between a voltage of the pixel electrodes of the dummy pixels to which a given gray scale voltage of positive polarity is written among the

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plurality of dummy pixels and a common voltage applied to common electrodes, a second means which detects a potential difference between a voltage of the pixel electrodes of the dummy pixels to which a given gray scale voltage of negative polarity is written among the plurality of dummy pixels and the common voltage applied to the common electrodes, and a control means which controls the voltage applied to the common electrodes so as to make the first potential difference detected by the first means and the second potential difference detected by the second means equal to each other".

Independent claim 13 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a voltage applied to the common voltage is controlled so as to make a potential difference between a voltage of pixel electrodes of the dummy pixels to which a given gray scale voltage of positive polarity is written among the plurality of dummy pixels and a common voltage applied to the common electrodes and a potential difference between a voltage of pixel electrodes of the dummy pixels to which a given gray scale voltage of negative polarity is written among the plurality of dummy pixels and the common voltage applied to the common electrodes equal to each other".

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tsuda et al. (20020180673), Maruoke et al. (20020186192), and Magayama et al. (20030107698).

The closest art, Tsuda et al., Maruoke et al., and Magayama et al. as discussed above, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render obvious the above limitations obvious.

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4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean Lesperance whose telephone number is (571) 272-7692. The examiner can normally be reached on from Monday to Friday between 10:00AM and 6:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe, can be reached on (571) 272-7691.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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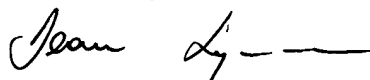
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